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TUESDAY,
the 26th March, 1918, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
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SIXTY OLD JAPANESE NETSUKES
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THURSDAY,
the 26th March, 1918, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 2B, Jordan Road, Top Flat, (off Nathan Road), Kowloon, (next Diocesan Girls' School),
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
As follows:—
Stained Teak Dining Room Suite, Desk, Fender, etc., "Japanese Style," Cabinet Gramophone and Stand, and Music Cabinet, Special Artists Model, Water Colours and Prints by Yamamoto, (Artistically framed), Plate and Glass Ware, etc.
Bedroom Furniture (Fumed teak).
Also
One KOREAN CABINET.
A number of lots of Books comprising Works on Occult Subjects, Poems and Drama, Novels, Art Magazines, etc., New Tennis Racquet and Press, Electric Fittings, etc.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
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PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators of the Firm of Messrs. FUSCIBO LOWRY & CO., to sell by Public Auction, on
FRIDAY,
the 5th April, 1918, commencing at 11 a.m., at Ma-tau-kok, Kowloon City Road,
A QUANTITY OF
SECOND-HAND CONTRACTORS' PLANT,
Two 15-ft. Invincible vertical double crank compound set condensing twin series direct action centrifugal pumping engines (one left hand and one right hand) steam cylinders 9 1/2 in. by 21 in. by 15 in. stroke with the necessary fittings and suction and delivery pipes for a lift of about 50 feet.
Two Gates Rock and One Breakers (Allis Chalmers Co.) one No. 8 right angle style and one No. 3 right angle style with revolving screens, conveyors, tilters and fittings.
One 20 in. by 10 in. Blake Crusher (Fraser & Chalmers) with manganese jaw plates.
Two Taylor's patent 1 yard Concrete Mixers with Steel Framing and fittings, various and spare gear.
One 6 in. Double Cylinder Manchester Pump by Pears & Co. and 1 1/2 in. cylinders. 14 in. stroke with suction and delivery pipes about 80 ft.
One 10 H.P. double cyl. Robey Portable Engine with usual fittings and mountings.
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Also
A quantity of Steel Wire Rope, Old Metal, etc.
On view from 2nd April.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.
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TUESDAY,
the 26th March, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
An Assortment of
HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.
Comprising:—
Single and Double Plain and Hem-stitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, Bed Quilt, Table Cloths, Pure Linen Damask Serviettes, Bath Sheets, Bath Towels, Turkish Towels, etc., etc., etc.
Terms:—Cash.
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TUESDAY,
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TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND TEAK TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, PICTURES, &c., AND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD GOODS.
As follows:—
Arm-chairs and Chesterfield Sofas, Card Tables, Upholstered Suites, etc., Bedroom Furniture, comprising Double and Single Brass and Brass-mounted Bedsteads, and Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dining Waggons, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, etc., Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, etc., Bath Room Utensils, Sundry Electro-Plated Ware.
Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, Blackwood Furniture, including large 4-fold Blackwood Screen with 5-Coloured Panels, Side Tables, etc., Engravings, Pictures, etc., etc., Tennis Poles and Net, Iron Safe, Several Carpets, etc., etc.
Also
One three-quarter size BILLIARD TABLE with Accessories.
THE HISTORIAN'S HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN 25 Vols.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
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THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidator of the HAMBURG AMERICA LINE, to sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 26th March, 1918, at 11 a.m., at No. 3 Duddell Street,
A Portion of the Excellent and well made OFFICE FURNITURE consisting of Double Desks with Drawers, Office Table, Large Teak Screen, etc., etc., etc.
Also
One STEEL SAFE by Armheim, Berlin, 84 x 42 x 31.
One STEEL SAFE by Milner & Co., London, 31 x 25 x 25.
One UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER, and a number of Telegraphic Code Books, etc., etc., etc.
On view from Wednesday, the 27th instant.
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
MOTOR YACHT
Built 1916, had very little usage, Hull 14 ft. 6 in., Keel 14 ft. 6 in., Length, water-line 29' 6", over all 35' 6", Beam 7' 6", Draft 2' 6".
Motor "Scipio," Heavy duty 14 H.P. Complete with Lavatory, Refrigerator, a Suit of Sails, and all Accessories.
Price and full particulars may be had from the Undersigned.
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(Sunday's Cables.)
THE WAR.
A STUPENDOUS BATTLE.
ENEMY ATTACKS RENEWED IN GREAT STRENGTH.
FIERCE FIGHTING ON THE WHOLE BATTLE FRONT.
SPLENDID GALLANTRY OF BRITISH DIVISIONS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORTS.

London, Mar. 23.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The enemy this morning renewed his attacks in great strength on practically the whole battle front. Fierce fighting in our battle positions is still continuing.
The enemy progressed at certain points. Elsewhere our counter-attacks threw him back.
Our losses were inevitably considerable, but not out of proportion to the magnitude of the battle.
Reports from all parts show that the enemy's losses continue very heavy. His advance everywhere was made at a great sacrifice.
Our troops are fighting with the greatest gallantry. Exceptional gallantry was shown by the 24th Division who protected the defence of Lovaguer, also the Third Division who maintained their positions near Croisilles and northwards against repeated attacks. The Fifty-first Division made a very gallant fight near the Bapaume-Cambrai Road against repeated attacks.
Identifications obtained show that the opening attack was delivered by forty German Divisions supported by a great number of German artillery and also supported by Austrian batteries. Many other German Divisions have since participated in the fighting, while others are arriving.
Further very severe fighting is anticipated.

BATTLE IMPOSSIBLE TO BE VISUALISED.
WHOLE SERIES OF ATTACKS LAUNCHED.
SPLENDID DEFENSIVE OF ARMY.

London, Mar. 23.
Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—
It can safely be said that the British armies view with calm confidence the result of the splendid defensive they have thus far offered to the Hun hordes. While it is impossible to predict what the future holds, it seems pretty certain that yesterday's attack forms part of a great German offensive. They are "all out." They paid a colossal price yesterday for their small gains.
The battle was too big to be visualised as a whole. Nineteen enemy Divisions were identified in yesterday's fighting and intense barages preceded the initial local attacks, which were mainly repulsed.
Then the enemy, between 8.30 and 10 o'clock in the morning launched a whole series of attacks astride the Dunoid Canal, throwing in three successive waves, one following another, closely supported by massed formations of "storm" troops.
By mid-day this great effort was spent, having forced our line to withdraw in several places. At five o'clock fresh troops attacked, again heavily, in a north-westerly direction from Fontaine to La Croisilles, but this attempt was held up by withering machine-gun fire.
The Germans having established themselves at Doignes, which is a position of tactical advantage, we counter-attacked at 7 o'clock in the evening with infantry and Tanks, and drove them out again.
Heavy ground mist considerably handicapped aerial work, but the weather thus far has been distinctly in our favour.
The enemy is employing his best Divisions, including at least two Divisions of the Prussian Guards.
It is rumoured that Austrian batteries were supporting, but hitherto they have not been identified.
Early to-day the enemy was heavily shelling the region of Senin near Arras. He is still pushing forward large masses and reinforcing troops.

BRITISH AVIATORS BOMB ENEMY TROOPS.
INNUMERABLE CASUALTIES INFLICTED.

London, Mar. 23.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—
Owing to the mist and light being only suitable for low flying, the enemy's attacking troops and reinforcements on the battle-front offered excellent targets for our pilots, who poured thousands of rounds into them, causing innumerable casualties.
Our bombers also attacked troops, dropping over 900 bombs on troops and railway stations on the battle-front.
There was much air-fighting. We brought down 16 machines, drove down six and shot down one.
Three of our planes are missing.
Our night-fliers dropped 84 tons of bombs on the Bruges docks and 84 tons on the billets at Tournai.
All our machines returned.

FRENCH FRONT.

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED ON FOE.
London, Mar. 22.
A French communiqué states:—
We repulsed strong enemy *coupes-de-main* south of the Juvincourt sector, at Godat, north of Courcy and north of the Aisne. At two of the last points enemy detachments were driven out of the advanced elements after a lively fight, in which the enemy suffered appreciable losses.
An enemy attempt west of Mont Cornillet and Champagne also failed.
There was fairly lively artillery firing in the region of Monts, at some points on the right of the Meuse and at Woerth.
London, Mar. 23.
A French communiqué states:—
Artillery was active in the early part of the day and more violent in the afternoon, particularly north of Chemen-de-Danck and in the region of Courcy, Epella, Champagne and south of Moron Villers.
Three enemy *coupes-de-main* north of Souain and east of Teton were without result.

GERMAN REPORTS.

London, Mar. 22.
A wireless German official report states:—
A strong artillery duel continued on the Belgian, French and Flanders fronts. Reconnoitring detachments penetrated frequently the enemy lines.
We attacked the English positions south-eastward of Arras, as far as La Fere. The infantry stormed in broad sectors and everywhere we captured the first lines.
The firing doubled in intensity on both sides at Rheims and Champagne. Prisoners were brought in from many sectors.
We continued the destruction of infantry positions and batteries before Verdun.
A wireless German official report states:—
Yesterday's successes between Arras and La Fere have been extended.
16,000 prisoners and 200 guns have so far been reported.
THE FINAL DECISION WITH ENGLAND.
GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.
London, Mar. 22.
The German Press speaks of the present battle as an effort to reach a final decision with England.
For example, the Conservative journal, *Tagliche Rundschau*, says:—
"A single combat between England and Germany to decide whether the Anglo-Saxons should continue to press their will upon the world, has begun."
The semi-official *Memo Presse* contains a significant admission that the Austrians are defending Stassburg against a possible French move against there.
Other statements of the Austrian Press confirm the belief that Austrian artillery are massed on the eastern side of the French Front.
BULGARIAN TROOPS IN THE WEST.
German newspapers also report the arrival of Bulgarians in the Western Front.
THE KAISER AT THE FRONT.
The Kaiser, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff have arrived in the battle area.

DETAILS FROM PRESS CORRESPONDENTS.

THE ENEMY'S INTENTION.

Mr. Percival Phillips, a War Correspondent in France, reports:—
The hardest fighting is on our flanks. The enemy north wing takes a line near to which we retired on Thursday, namely some hundreds of yards east of the villages of Vaux, Vraucourt, Marbais, and Beaumont. This makes the enemy's indentation very roughly from about 2,200 yards at the greatest point in the neighbourhood of Croisilles to 500 or 600 yards at the lower end. We retired east of Doignes where we occupied the Hindenburg system in November to what was generally our old front line before that advance, except that we retain Havrincourt. The situation west of the Scheldt Canal between Gouzeaucourt and St. Quentin is not clear, but the enemy undoubtedly is in some villages behind our former front line. Everywhere he is holding the back areas with increasing intensity. His intention obviously is to keep throwing in fresh divisions and to continue terrible blows incessantly.

"THE SPIRIT OF OUR MEN REMAINS MAGNIFICENT."

London, Mar. 23.
Mr. Philip Gibbs, a Press Correspondent in France, says:—
Our troops were heavily engaged on our right to-day near St. Quentin. We were much outnumbered, nine German Divisions being hurled against three of ours at one point and eight against two at another.
A soldier described the enemy's advance as "like bees out of a hive; the more one shot the more there seemed to come on."
It was the return of the old German methods at Mons, Le Cateau and Verdun; the only surprise is that the enemy did not introduce any novelty in the attack. There were no Tanks and no special gas. The enemy relied, as of old, on ruthless sacrifice of life in the hope of overwhelming the defence by sheer weight of numbers and on their gun-power. There were a thousand guns opposite three British Divisions. Nothing hitherto was experienced by the British like the length and width of the barrage that was laid down against our defences at five o'clock yesterday morning and continued throughout the day without a pause, except when it jumped forward to let the infantry attack and the guns advance. Simultaneously, heavy guns were concentrated in our rear as far back as 25 miles behind the lines.
It was during the last hour of bombardment that the enemy poured out gas shells and continued to gas our batteries and reserve trenches the day long, filling the atmosphere with poisonous clouds, but this weapon was unsuccessful. The British had trained for weeks, past and fought yesterday in masks, in some cases proved most effective. There were only six cases of gasing in one of the largest casualty clearing stations this morning. A number of tanks brilliantly counter-attacked on Thursday evening and recaptured some ground near Doignes.
The spirit of our men remains magnificent. The troops I saw to-day going in to battle with bands playing, were chitling and smiling with calm confidence.

"OUR LINE, IF WITHDRAWN, HOLDS FIRM."

Mr. Perry Robinson, another Correspondent in France, writes:—
The fighting on Friday was generally along our reserve line. That the Germans would break some sections of our front was anticipated. So far we are satisfied with the situation. Despite the terrible hammering of the British front line the troops fought magnificently and completely held the attack over a large part of the line. This is particularly true about Lovell's Chateau, near Bourlouis, where German masses were obliterated by machine-guns, while eastward, by Flequeres, the enemy attack was a total failure, the whole of our line remaining intact at nightfall, but we withdrew, in the darkness in order to conform to the line on the left, where the enormous weight of the attack broke the front line. Our line, if withdrawn, holds absolutely firm. There is not the smallest sign of any break through into open warfare. The forces which the enemy has so far encountered have been comparatively light, and his losses vastly exceeded ours.

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OUR MEN CONFIDENT.

Mr. Hamilton Fyfe, another Press correspondent in France, says:—
The outstanding characteristic of the fighting hitherto is that we did so well under the terrific impact. Apart from the unprecedented artillery firing, the enemy's trench mortars discharged such an overwhelming weight of projectiles that wire ceased to be an obstacle on most parts of the front and trenches were destroyed, though not everywhere. No sooner were the enemy's wirecutters found than they were mowed down by our machine-guns.
Mr. Fyfe, describing the gassing of the British batteries, says this is the first battle where the gunners have had to work continuously wearing masks. He says that when the British at one point counter-attacked at 9 on Thursday morning they bombed the enemy in the trenches he captured, then drove him at the point of the bayonet through a British barrage.
Mr. Fyfe found the men yesterday morning to be very confident. He says the enemy's gains on the Bullecourt salient were absolutely unimportant. The enemy generally has now to attack chosen defence positions and the task of the British has become proportionately lighter.

THE SHIPPING SITUATION.

London, Mar. 23.
The *Daily Telegraph* says the statistics are not calculated to dissipate national anxiety. The position is worse even than we feared, since last year's depredations have equalled a net reduction of 40 per cent. of the tonnage.
The *Daily Chronicle* says a total tonnage of 83,000,000 is misleading. Making a large deduction for Allied shipping diverted to military and naval purposes and for neutral shipping unavailable, the real net tonnage available is probably less than half 83,000,000.

MR. ASQUITH ON THE OFFENSIVE.

London, Mar. 22.
Speaking at Derby at the meeting of the National Liberal Federation, Mr. Asquith, referring to the German offensive, declared that the skill of our Generals and the indomitable tenacity of our soldiers would more than hold their own. The people of Great Britain were prepared for any sacrifice to make the cause of Freedom victorious.

THE NATIONAL MINERS' BALLOT.
THE PREMIER ADDRESSES THE DELEGATES ON THE DANGERS.

London, Mar. 22.
The *Daily Mail* states that the Premier, greatly moved by the news from the front, has addressed the Miners' delegates on the subject of coming out. He was very emphatic in his references to the military situation and the insistence that the Miners' vote—it acted upon—would mean the installing of Bolshevism in Great Britain. The speech is said to have had an almost staggering effect on the delegates.
Despite the result of the ballot the executive of the Miners' Federation have advised the acceptance of the Government's combined scheme.

MUNITION WAGONS EXPLODE NEAR MONS.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 22.
Thirty German soldiers have been killed and over a hundred injured by the explosion of 500 munition wagons at the railway station of Meurviengues near Mons.

THE ENEMY POWERS AND RUSSIA.

REICHSSTAG APPROVES RUSSIAN PEACE TREATIES.
AMSTERDAM, Mar. 22.
The Reichstag has approved the Russian Peace Treaties.

THE GERMAN ADVANCE IN RUSSIA.

ARMISTICE WITH RUMANIA EXTENDED.
The Austrian Headquarters states that the armistice with Rumania has been further extended by 72 hours.

FORTY MILES BEYOND ODESSA.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 23.
The Germans have occupied the town of Ochakov, forty miles north east of Odessa.

THE CAUCASUS AND TURKEY.

NO SEPARATE PEACE.
PETROGRAD, Mar. 22.
The Four Big Powers, the Russian, American, French and British, have been agreed that a separate peace with the Turkish demands were unacceptable.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

DECISIONS ON ALL MATERIAL POINTS REACHED.
LONDON, Mar. 22.
The Press Bureau states:—The Irish Convention has concluded its discussion and a statement has been received from the Grand Committee.
Decisions have been reached on all material points.
It has been agreed that the Chairman should prepare a draft report.
The Convention will reassemble on April 4th to consider the report.

THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT IN GERMAN REICHSSTAG.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 22.
In the Reichstag Herr von Dem Bussche, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made a confidential statement of the Government's intentions regarding the Dutch shipping question.

THIRTY-EIGHT VESSELS SEIZED IN AMERICAN WATERS.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.
Thirty-eight Dutch vessels in American ports have been seized, the Captains in each case merely making a formal protest.

DUTCH COLONIAL TRADE.

IMPRESSEMENT NOT TO AFFECT IT.

LONDON, Mar. 23.
With regard to the statement of the Dutch Foreign Minister on Tuesday that the proposed action of the Allies in respect of Dutch shipping would render Dutch Colonial navigation impossible, Reuter is informed that this is by no means the case and such apprehension is quite unfounded. There is no intention of taking any action that would make Dutch Colonial trade impossible.

M.P. FOR SOUTH MANCHESTER.

LONDON, Mar. 22.
Mr. R. Stoker, Conservative, has been returned unopposed for South Manchester.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ADJOURNS.

LONDON, Mar. 22.
The House of Commons has been adjourned until April 9th.

THE DRAINAGE OF THE ZUIDER ZEE.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 22.
The Second Chamber has unanimously passed a Bill for the drainage of the Zuider Zee.

THE SILVER MARKET.

GOOD TRADE DEMAND.
LONDON, Mar. 23.
Silver is quoted at 44 1/2.
There is a good trade demand and security of offerings.

AMERICA'S SILVER SCHEME.

MESSRS. MONTAGU ON ITS EFFECT.
LONDON, Mar. 23.
Messrs. Samuel Montagu's Silver report is as follows:—The announcement from Washington of the 19th instant is the most important event in the Silver Market recently. If the Bill then mentioned becomes law, which seems more than likely, the effect will be to establish the price at a somewhat higher level than for some time past. Eventually the price would settle down and remain "pegged" at about 46d. per ounce standard, plus charges, which will vary, but are at present about 7 per cent.

The rise of 3 1/2d. during the week brings the price a little nearer the American parity. Probably the upward movement will continue.
The trade demand is heavy owing to the anxiety of the manufacturers to secure as much as possible before the American scheme has full effect. The rising tendency has been further accentuated by reduced offerings.
The Indian silver holding has again decreased.

MR. ASQUITH ON THE IRISH SOLUTION.

RECONCILIATION NECESSARY FOR ALLIED CAUSE.
LONDON, Mar. 22.
Mr. Asquith, in a speech at the National Liberal Federation meeting at Derby, said an Anglo-Irish reconciliation was very urgent in the interest of the Allied cause and the future of the world. Despite disquieting reports, he refused to believe that an honourable solution could not be found.

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TELEGRAMS.

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DISOINTED SCRAPS OF NEWS.
THE ENEMY PIVOTING ON HAM.

LONDON, Mar. 23. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing in the afternoon, says:—

We are confident that the Germans' tremendous, and probably despairing, effort, will fail, but the East is a supreme one. Furthermore, our soldiers, rightly or wrongly, feel that they are engaged in the last great battle of the war. This is stiffening their will to the sacrifice, to a degree inexpressibly magnificent.

The enemy's greatest pressure is against the desolate tracts across where the Germans retreated after the battles of the Somme. Here neither tactical nor territorial gains can be of much value.

It is possible that spectacular motives desire the enemy's claim that he retrieved his former losses, thus outweighing a more definite strategic purpose.

News comes out from the thunderous vortex in disjointed scraps, which it is difficult to piece together.

At 10.30 this morning the enemy was advancing in great masses, both north and south, towards St. Leger. At 11.35 dense columns were reported to be marching from Lagnicourt down the Bapaume-Lagnicourt Road through Vaux, Vraucourt.

In the afternoon bodies of cavalry were seen moving down the Ham, Metzigny and the Ham-St. Quentin Roads and it is rumoured that some infantry crossed the Somme Canal. If it is correct it suggests that the Germans are attempting a turning movement, pivoting on Ham, in which case, owing to the masses of troops at their disposal, the situation here may prove less promising than along the rest of the line of withdrawal.

Meanwhile, the weather remains brilliant and a terrible slaughter of the enemy hordes continues from ground and air.

GERMAN PLANS UNFULFILLED.

LONDON, Mar. 24. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing on Saturday evening, says:—

We captured copies of the German plan of offensive which shows that the enemy objectives were: On the first day an average penetration on the whole front for eight kilometres, on the second day twelve kilometres, and on the third day, beyond which the scheme does not appear to be carried, twenty kilometres.

The success attained, so far, falls much short of these objectives.

The captured machine-guns include some identified as having been used in the Balkans last year.

An enemy attempt to cross the Somme by means of four bridges thrown across last night was detected and frustrated with great loss, by our artillery. All roads along which the German Army advanced have been blocked by columns of troops, guns and transport, targets on which we are making deadly play.

The rough estimates of the casualties inflicted vary between 30 to 50 per cent. of all the Divisions so far identified, but I give the figures for what they may be worth. They are probably based mainly on the prisoners' statements.

SURPRISE ATTACK FAILS.

LONDON, Mar. 24. A French communiqué states:—

After a violent bombardment the enemy unsuccessfully attempted a surprise attack south of Juvincourt. There was somewhat lively artillery firing in the regions of Bois-le-Prete and the Vosges, near La Fontenelle and Hartmannswillerkopf.

LONDON, Mar. 24. A French communiqué states:—

There have been artillery actions, sometimes violent, south of the Oise and in the region of Rheims and in Lorraine and between Hanaucourt and the Vosges.

An enemy coup-de-main in the Hirtzbach Wood and Upper Alsace broke down under our fire.

THE ENEMY'S REPORTS.
CLAIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED 25,000.

LONDON, Mar. 23. 5.20 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

We stormed the heights northward and north-westward of Croisilles and penetrated the second position between Fontaine-les-Croisilles and Mourmes.

We captured Vaux, Vraucourt and Morchies, and also the heights westward of Goodenecourt, Heudicourt and Villers Faucon.

We stormed Boisel and Marquais and encircled the Ephe heights from north and south and drove back strong counter-attacks.

We stormed the heights northward of Vermand.

The enemy evacuated the positions south-westward of Cambrai and we pursued across Demicourt, Flequières and Ribecourt.

We crossed the heights of Savy and Rouppe and also broke through the enemy lines southward of the Somme.

We drove the enemy over the Cuxa Canal.

The Jaggers crossed the Oise and stormed the heights westward of La Fere.

The prisoners taken, so far, number 25,000. We have captured 400 guns and 800 machine-guns.

A BOASTFUL CLAIM.

LONDON, Mar. 23. 11 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

The first stage of the great battle is ended. We won engagements near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere.

A considerable part of the English Army has been beaten.

We are fighting approximately on a line north-eastward of Bapaume, Peronne and Ham.

ENEMY CLAIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED PRISONER.

LONDON, Mar. 24. 6.25 p.m.

A wireless German official report claims to have captured Peronne.

It adds the prisoners have increased to 30,000 and the guns to 800.

BRITISH CONFIDENCE.

LONDON, Mar. 24.

For the first time in this war the German communiqué yesterday described the Kaiser as commanding the battle, while the captures recorded are credited to the armies under the German Crown Prince and Crown Prince Rupprecht. Thus the opinion in the Allied capitals is confirmed that the Kaiser has staked all in the present offensive, hoping to secure for his Dynasty the glory of victory he expects.

The situation is viewed very seriously in London, but in no wise pessimistically. That the British line would bend was expected, but confidence is felt that it will not break.

The losses which the Germans claim to have inflicted are not regarded as out of proportion to what may be expected in a vast conflict.

The Sunday Times says: "The German military caste are out for victory, even if to gain it they must destroy the people to whom its fruits were promised. They must continue to fling fresh Divisions into the blood bath for the simple reason that they must have daily successes to chronicle; but with time on our side and fewer troops to meet, our Generals may reasonably count on holding enough reserves to deal the crushing counter-stroke, when Field-Marshal von Hindenburg has shattered his last legions against the impregnable British wall."

The Observer says: "There is nothing in the figures mentioned by the enemy to shake the nerve of the nation, but the news calls the country to the greatest moral uprising since the first months of the war. Reserves and reinforcements, in large numbers and munitions must be supplied for the conflict. The nation must take the last ounce of itself in the next few months."

THE RUMANIAN ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Mar. 24.

A German official communiqué says:—

The Rumanian armistice has been prolonged for three days.

THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

TONNAGE TO DUTCH PORTS EXCEED REQUIREMENTS.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 23.

The British Minister, in a letter to the Dutch Foreign Minister, states that the associated Governments believe that the Dutch ships now in their ports do not fully correspond to the tonnage anticipated under the agreement, and the vessels in or bound to Dutch ports will be found to exceed the tonnage needed for imports to the Netherlands and her Colonies, calculated on the basis of the original tonnage proposals and provisionally agreed to by the Dutch delegates.

If it should be proved to the satisfaction of the associated Governments that this is not the case, the latter will be ready to make up any deficiency in tonnage left at Holland's disposal on the lines of a general arrangement, regarding the use and distribution of Dutch tonnage as soon as the Netherlands Government has supplied the figures of tonnage now in or bound to Dutch ports.

STATEMENT BY THE AMERICAN MINISTER.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 23.

The American Legation, in a communication to the Press, states that the fear that the requisitioned Dutch ships are permanently lost to the Dutch flag are baseless. The United States have not taken any right to the ships under the President's proclamation, but merely their temporary use. Liberal chartering rates will be paid and the ships will be returned at the termination of the present emergency, not later than the end of the war.

The United States assumes all war and marine risks and in the event of loss by enemy action in the war zone the owners will be given the option of receiving payment of the value of the vessel or having the vessel replaced as soon as possible after the war, in the meantime receiving interest on the value of the vessel lost.

The Dutch crews and officers will be maintained at the expense of the United States until a suitable opportunity for repatriation offers.

WHEAT FOR THE ALLIES.

AMERICAN CONSUMPTION REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.

To furnish the Allies with the necessary wheat till harvest the Food Administration has ordered the American consumption to be reduced by half.

AERIAL RAIDS ON ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Mar. 24.

A British-Italian official report states:—

Aeroplanes, without loss, destroyed eight enemy machines and brought down another, uncontrollable.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Mar. 25.

Silver is quoted at 45L. The conditions are unaltered and the market is firm.

O.S.K. FREIGHT SERVICE TO MARSEILLES.

LONDON, Mar. 25.

It is officially announced that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has decided to inaugurate a monthly freight service to Bombay and Marseilles via the Suez Canal.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Mar. 25.

The death is announced of Vice-Admiral W. Osborne Moore.

THE PENANG CENSOR.

WHAT HE DOES NOT KNOW.

On the 27th of last month a Bangkok firm despatched a cable asking a quotation for censors. Presently the message was referred back from Penang to Bangkok because "censors" could not be found in the Code and must be explained, says a Bangkok contemporary under the above headings.

The firm replied to the Telegraph Office that "censor" is a recognised name in the East and everywhere else, and that it means "hole."

To this the Telegraph Office said it was a Malay expression, and to make it meaning clear to a censor in Penang would take nine extra words, and they would have to be paid for.

Eventually a compromise was reached on four extra words, costing Rs. 7.50. And by that time it was the 31st instant.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT OFFENSIVE.

ENEMY'S GAINS UNIMPORTANT.

LONDON, Mar. 22.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says the offensive is proceeding in glorious weather. Definite details are still unobtainable, but despite our giving ground under an unprecedented weight of men and guns, the enemy gains are nowhere of real strategic importance. The withdrawal everywhere was carried out in orderly manner after exacting a fearful price. The airman report that the ground in the enemy's rear is strewn with grey corpses.

It has been noted that all the attacking troops are clad in new uniforms and it may be remembered in this connection that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg boasted that he would be in Paris on April 1st. Anyway, he is certainly easygoing to break through in record time and as his Divisions make away under torrents of shells and bullets fresh cases are being flung up.

Forty enemy Divisions, including four of the Prussian Guards, have been identified on the front line of attack, and by last night already some troops had been relieved.

Responsible quarters are gratified at the magnificent manner in which our troops are withstanding the attack. Not a single Division has failed or faltered. Against one sector of 10,000 yards it has been estimated that the Germans employed one gun for every fifteen yards, not counting trench-mortars, and it is noteworthy that some actual retirements were made only upon orders after the troops had held the trenches intact through the whole day against violent assaults.

The first dense waves in yesterday's attacks were frequently held up by our wire. The Germans halted and backed their way through, whilst our riflemen and gunners were making a veritable shambles of the ground.

The enemy fought with sturdy valour, for it was picked Divisions that were participating.

Our airmen are serving magnificently, flying low and attacking the enemy formations, who are machine-gunning our trenches.

AIR-RAID ON FRENCH TOWNS.

PARIS, Mar. 23.

A group of enemy aeroplanes crossed the lines, and bombed Compiègne and various towns and districts.

Some machines pushed southward, but gun-fire compelled them to retreat.

The alarm was given in Paris but "all clear" was signalled in half an hour.

OFFENSIVE ON SALONIKA.

GERMANO-BULGAR PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

A telegram from Paris reports that the *Flyer* expert says the Germans and Bulgars are preparing a big offensive on Salonika for the Spring. Their forces in Macedonia are estimated at 400,000.

THE OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE.

JORDAN CROSSED.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

An official message from Palestine says:—

Our parties crossed the Jordan despite a strong current yesterday morning. The river was then bridged.

We established ourselves on the left bank and made progress eastwards encountering considerable resistance.

The operations continue.

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THE IRISH CONVENTION.

DECISION RELIEVES TENSION.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

The *Daily Chronicle* says the whole Empire, the United States and the Allies will learn with relief that the Irish Convention has reached a "decision."

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Nine British medical officers have arrived from Germany for repatriation, including Lieutenant A. J. Singh Garwal.

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BRITISH RETIRING IN GOOD ORDER.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Heavy fighting continued on the whole front until late last night. Powerful attacks with a great weight of infantry and artillery in the afternoon broke through our defensive system westward of St. Quentin and we are falling back in good order to prepared positions further west.

Our troops are holding their positions in the northern portion of the battle front.

Very heavy fighting with fresh hostile forces is in progress.

FRENCH TRIBUTE TO BRITISH DEFENCE.

A POSSIBLE MOVE BY THE ENEMY.

PARIS, Mar. 23.

Speaking in the Chamber, M. Clemenceau stated that the Allied Staffs have every reason to be satisfied with the results of the first great attack and he is extremely pleased with the results.

M. Clemenceau says the British are reacting with prodigious endurance and becoming the enemy.

The newspapers also pay the highest tributes to the British defence. Some are of the opinion that the enemy possibly contemplates, after fixing the British Reserves on the front attack, to make a massive attack on the Anglo-Belgian left wing in the direction of Calais, between the Yser and Arras, thus directly threatening Great Britain, but the Allies are everywhere prepared.

FRENCH DISPERSE ATTACK.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

A French communiqué says:—

The enemy is spasmodically and fairly violently bombarding our front and rear lines north of Chemin-de-Dames in the region of Rheims and in Lorraine.

We dispersed an attack in the region of Balency in Woëvre.

PARIS SUBURBS SHELLED.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

An official message from Paris says:—

The enemy is shelling Paris suburbs at long range. A 240 mm. gun is firing every quarter of an hour. A dozen people have been killed and fifteen wounded.

Counter measures are being taken.

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THE NEW SPANISH CABINET.
PREMIER'S HOPES.

MADRID, Mar. 23.

Senor Maura, addressing enthusiastic Houses of Parliament, said he hoped the country would settle down quietly under the Coalition. He announced that the recent decrees dissolving and militarizing the postal services had been cancelled.

WATERFORD BY-ELECTION.

A SINN FEIN LOSS.

LONDON, Mar. 23.

The Waterford bye-election result is as follows:—

Captain Redmond (Nationalist), son of the late Mr. John Redmond, 1,242.
Doctor White (Sinn Fein) 764.

A TAURIDEAN REPUBLIC.

CRIMEA INCLUDED.

PETROGRAD, Mar. 23.

The Soviets have formed a Tauridean Republic including the whole of the Crimea.

AMERICAN IMPORTS RESTRICTED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation restricting the imports of non-essentials in order to prevent draining the Allies and to facilitate the quick return of ships to America for reloading.

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THE SHANGHAI SHARE FRAUDS.

THE FIRST CASE COMMENCED.

The first case arising out of the recent big frauds in Shanghai was commenced in H. M. Supreme Court last week when Judge Macartney, sitting in the Court of First Instance, heard the case of the Bank of China, Ltd. (Shanghai Branch) v. the Bank of China, Ltd. (London Branch).

The case is presumed to have been removed from the Bank's side by one of the Bank's directors, who is now in the hands of the Chinese authorities.

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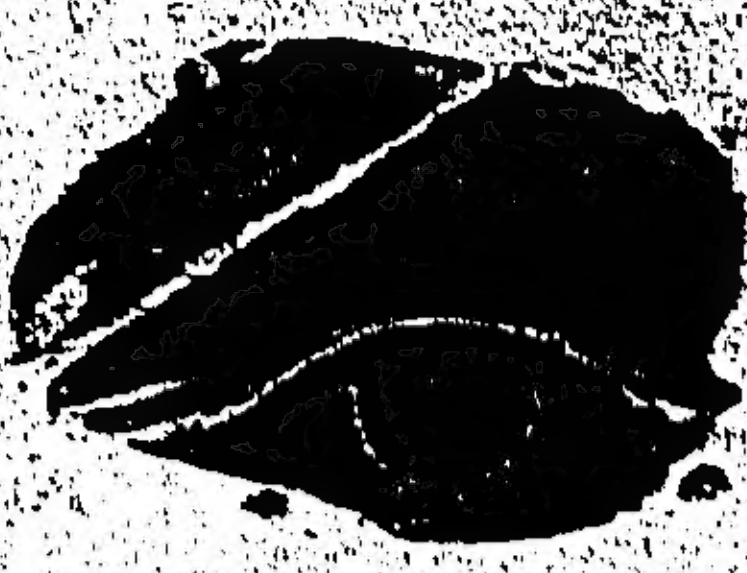
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